Remarks

This preliminary amendment is presented to further define the invention over the art cited in the international search report.

EP 1 447 960 A2 is directed to a communication device (2) which is capable of transmitting an RF beacon (47 of Fig 7). When a call activation switch is activated, the beacon will be transmitted if the device detects that it is outside of the mobile phone coverage area. (See paragraphs 9 and 50.)

WO 01/78032 A1 is directed to an emergency signaling device (10) which can be a telephone or a beacon (Abstract). Fig 8 illustrates a personal locator beam embodiment, and Fig 9 illustrates a mobile phone embodiment. It is stated that the device can switch from a phone to a satellite network if the phone network signal is below a certain level. (See, e.g., page 6, lines 21-28.)

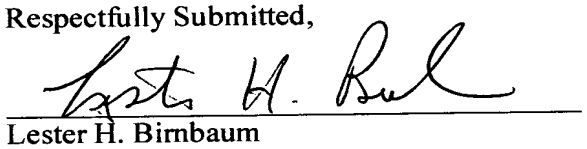
Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to incorporate therein the limitations of claims 6,7 and 11,12, respectively. Claims 6,7,11, and 12, therefore, have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 9 now specify that the personal locator beam transmitter circuit, which is part of a mobile phone set, transmits a beacon that includes an identification code selected from a serial number and a phone number of the set. It will be noted that EP 1 447 960 A2 discusses only transmitting a beacon in the event that the device is outside of the phone coverage area. No additional data appears to be transmitted. WO 01/78032 A1 discusses the personal locator device and mobile phone device as separate embodiments of the emergency device. While, as noted above, the reference mentions switching between a telephone and satellite network, such a feature is consistent with a mobile phone which can utilize a satellite communications network, and does not constitute a clear teaching of a combination of mobile phone and PLB circuit. While the reference discusses sending user information with the emergency signal (see, e.g., page 6, lines 4-7, and page 8, lines 16-20), this teaching seems to be in the context of the mobile phone embodiment. While not entirely free from

ambiguity, this reference does not appear to teach a combined mobile phone and PLB circuit which transmits an identification code as now claimed.

Passage to issue is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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